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STORM AIDE AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS
Two Disaster Recovery Centers to Open in San Diego County

The County Office of Emergency Services, the City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security, and the City of Oceanside urge County residents who suffered damage during the severe storms of December 27, 2004 - January 11, 2005 to register for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and state assistance.

Disaster victims need to first register for assistance over the phone by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**. The TTY number is **1-800-462-7585** for those who are speech- or hearing-impaired.

FEMA will open two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in San Diego County next week, one in Oceanside and one in San Diego.

The Oceanside DRC will open on Monday, March 28 and operate Monday through Wednesday each week. The San Diego DRC will open on Thursday, March 31 and operate Thursday through Saturday each week. **The San Diego DRC will be open on Cesar Chavez Day, Thursday, March 31.**

Recovery specialists from FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the County of San Diego, and local jurisdictions will be on site to answer questions and provide recovery information. FEMA specialists will staff the Centers until mid-April; then the Centers will become SBA disaster offices and remain open until further notice.

Oceanside DRC	**San Diego DRC**
San Luis Rey Water Treatment Admin. Bldg.	Tierrasanta Recreation Center
3950 North River Road	11238 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard
Monday-Wednesday : 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday-Sunday: Closed	Saturday: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
	Sunday-Wednesday: Closed

Due to the extensive damage caused by the December 27- January 11 storms, FEMA declared a state of emergency for the County of San Diego on March 16, at the request of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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